

CLEAN VERSION OF ALL AMENDED CLAIMS

A marked up version of the amended claims can be found on pp. 11-14 of this Reply.

Claims 1, 2, 5-6, 8-9, 11, 18, 38 and 39 have been amended to recite the following:

1. (Twice Amended) A surface cover comprising:

two or more leaves having a length and a width arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves comprising:

(a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:

(i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;

(ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and

(iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to substantial portions of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of a successive, adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the upper non-adhesive surface of the adjacent leaf is exposed to become a new outer surface of the stack; and

(b) a base leaf underlying the first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower surface adapted to mount the stack onto a surface to be covered, the opposing second surface comprising a mounting adhesive applied thereon, the mounting adhesive being of sufficient strength to prevent lifting of the stack during removal of individual leaves.

2. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 comprising at least one intermediate leaf disposed between said first leaf and said last leaf, the intermediate leaf having an upper non-adhesive surface and a lower adhesive surface.

5. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 wherein said upper surface of said leaves is textured.

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6. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 wherein said leaf adhesive on the lower surface of the leaves has an adhesive strength sufficient to allow a first leaf to be adhered to and peelably removable from the adjacent leaf.

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8. (Twice Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 wherein the upper surface of said leaves comprises an active agent chosen from the group consisting of anti-bacterial agents, disinfectants, insect repellants, fragrances, fluid resistant agents and anti-mildew agents.

9. (Twice Amended) The surface covering of claim 1 further comprising a protecting sheet disposed on the lower surface of the base leaf.

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11. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 10 wherein said peeling means comprises at least one non-adhesive section disposed on the lower surface of said leaves covering no more than 30% of the entire surface area of the lower surface of said leaves, said at least one non-adhesive section being accessible by a user to peel said leaves from said stack.

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18. (Twice Amended) A multi-layer surface covering comprising:
a plurality of leaves arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves comprising:

- (a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:
 - (i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;
 - (ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and
 - (iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to a substantial portion of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of an adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the adjacent leaf becomes a new first leaf; and
- (b) a base leaf underlying the at least first leaf and having a second

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thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower adhesive surface adapted to mount the stack onto a surface to be covered, the opposing lower surface comprising a mounting adhesive layer applied thereon, the mounting adhesive layer having greater adhesive strength than the adhesive strength of the leaf adhesive.

38. (Twice Amended) A surface cover comprising:

two or more leaves arranged to form a stack of said leaves, the stack of said leaves comprising:

(a) at least a first leaf with a first thickness, the first leaf forming an outer surface and comprising:

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(i) an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface;

(ii) a lower surface opposing the upper non-adhesive surface; and

(iii) a leaf adhesive material applied to substantial portions of the lower surface whereby the lower surface removably adheres to the upper non-adhesive surface of an adjacent leaf such that after the first leaf is removed from the stack, the adjacent leaf becomes a new first leaf; and

(b) a base leaf underlying the at least first leaf and having a second thickness greater than the first thickness, the base leaf comprising an upper non-adhesive surface adapted to serve as the outer surface and an opposing lower non-adhesive surface.

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39. (Amended) The surface covering of claim 38 comprising at least one intermediate leaf disposed between said first leaf and said last leaf, the intermediate leaf having an upper non-adhesive surface and a lower adhesive surface.